

# THE NOTICEBOARD

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Happy birthday to Culbokie Church Centre

How time flies! It's ten years ago that we moved into Culbokie Church Centre. Such milestones provide an opportunity to look back and recall the move from Findon Hall on 18 March 2012, as we processed across the road, banners flying. Then there was the dedication service on 22 April 2012, when we were piped into the church, there was speeches and prayers led by Presbytery, music from Dingwall Gaelic Choir, and an opportunity to celebrate the occasion with the community. The hymn specially chosen by Rev. Willis Jones, our Locum Minister, for the dedication service was 'Let us build a house where love can dwell', which has the chorus 'All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place'. This has been our vision over the last decade

and will continue to be our vision as we look forward to the next ten years. Our aim was that the building wouldn't just be used for Sunday services and mid-week meetings, but for much more. The opening of the Church café, and the renovation of the upstairs rooms for Sunday School and creche, have been key steps in helping us realise that vision. Some memorable highlights over the last decade include the church full of Culbokie Primary pupils for Christmas services, Easter morning breakfast services, Voiceworks concerts, Messy Church, Burns Suppers, boxes and bags of donations to support Highland Foodbank and Mary's Meals, BBQs and a pet service in the parking area, and visit by a group of Malawians from Ekwendeni Hospital. Photos from these and other occasions are in the gallery section of the Culbokie Church Centre website.



## The Black Isle Photographic Competition



CULBOKIE COMMUNITY TRUST INVITES ENTRIES FOR

### The Black Isle PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**CATEGORIES**

1. Best photograph (using a camera)
2. Best photograph (using a mobile phone)
3. Best photograph (using any device, aged 13 and under)

First time and keen amateur photographers

**THIS YEAR'S THEME**

# My beautiful Black Isle

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**ENTER NOW** DEADLINE 30TH JUNE 2022

 Rules and entry forms available on the CCT website [www.culbokiect.org](http://www.culbokiect.org) or email [event@culbokiect.org](mailto:event@culbokiect.org)

This year's Black Isle Photographic Competition, organised by Culbokie Community Trust, is now open for entries. Everyone is welcome to enter, regardless of age, equipment or level of experience in photography. The theme for 2022, 'My Beautiful Black Isle', offers great scope for individual interpretation. *Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.* Think about what you find beautiful in the Black Isle; reach for your phone or camera and get snapping! The closing date of Thursday June 30th gives time through the spring

and early summer to submit photos in one or more of three categories, each of which have cash prizes kindly donated by our sponsors, Culbokie Inn, ARK Estates (Scotland Ltd.) and Culbokie Store Ltd.

The entry categories refer simply to the kind of device you use:

- Best photograph (using a camera)
- Best photograph (using a mobile phone)
- Best photograph (using any device, by young person aged 13 and under)

Further details are posted on the CCT website:

<https://www.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=726446> For any queries, please contact [event@culbokiect.org](mailto:event@culbokiect.org) and we will happy to help.

# Culbokie Community Trust – Culbokie Green

Anyone driving past the Culbokie Green site recently may have seen the signs of progress. Following the successful tree planting, with the help of children from Culbokie Primary School, we now have Grounds N Gardens preparing the area for sowing the wildflower seed mix and installing the natural play area. The stepping logs, mushroom seats, hoopla



and noughts & crosses have been made by Chainsaw Creations in Cullicudden. They will also be installing some gabion baskets and fencing as well as placing some boulders donated by Findon Farm. These items will be followed by seats and welcoming signs which are being made by Craobh woodworking in Culbokie, using timber sourced from



Aigas Community Woodland.

We are delighted to see this project moving forward and look forward to the prospect of a welcoming area for people to gather and enjoy. This project has been supported by the Highland Coastal Communities Fund, Rural Communities Ideas into Action Fund, and the Gordon & Ena Baxter fund.





## **Findon Hall Opportunities – Taster Session Free!**

As more groups return to activities, we would remind everyone of the opportunities at our village hall. Currently our hall has availability at times on every day of the week for a variety of activities and we would welcome enquiries from dance groups, exercise groups, meetings, fundraisers, etc. We offer very reasonable rates for weekly groups (£12 per hour plus set up times). We would also like to encourage use of the hall for one-off events (£15 per hour) and family activities.

**From now until August, we can offer a taster session free for new weekly bookings along with advertising on our Facebook page (more than 400 people follow our page).**

We currently host an orchestra, have martial arts, Zumba, Pilates, Tai Chi, music lessons, Toddlers and badminton as well as bookings for parties, the community market and families playing games – a huge variety of activities in the village! Murder Mystery and Bingo nights to come.

Our meeting room can be hired separately at just £8 per hour. We also have a back garden which is a lovely area with mature trees and plants – ideal for children's parties and group teas.

You can reach our hall on foot, by bike (we have a cycle shelter), by the Wee Bus by the main bus and we have a large carpark.

With line dancing in the church and Tai Chi in the hall on a Wednesday morning there is, perhaps an opportunity for a group to run a soup lunch from our kitchen? Perhaps your child has a birthday coming? £50 for 3 hours in the hall and the garden with the use of the kitchen and tables is a great deal! Bouncy castles can be hired and fit in easily with no worries about bad weather.

Findon Hall exists for the benefit of the community but we need help to run it well and we would really love to expand our committee. Groups who are represented on the committee are entitled to discounted rates. Committee meetings are open to all so **please feel welcome to come along to our next meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at the hall to find out more.**

**Check out the availability at [Findon Hall Calendar \(culbokie.info\)](http://culbokie.info), use the contact form or call Sheila on 01349 800153 (Gael Holiday Homes Office) or message us on Facebook to enquire about bookings.**

## *Singing for Fun – Highland*

We are a local community singing group focussed on having fun!  
We meet weekly and cover a wide range of music, led by our choir leader, Jessica Bates.

We are keen to boost our numbers, so please come along if you are interested, no audition required.

Follow our Facebook page for regular updates, search 'Singing for Fun- Highland' or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Singing-for-Fun-Highland-142777855893242>

Details:

Timings - Mondays, 7-8:30pm

Cost - First night is free, then £5 per session thereafter

Location - Usually based in Ferintosh Hall, temporarily in Mulbuie Hall





# THE SPA, A BLACK ISLE MYSTERY

**Saturday 11th June**  
**Findon Hall,**  
**7:30pm**

**Doors Open 7pm**

**Tickets: £7.50**

**Tickets can be purchased  
from Culbokie Shop,  
Culbokie Market or  
Contact Sheila on  
01349 877 879**

**THROUGHOUT THE  
PLAY YOU CAN ALSO  
SEE HOW GOOD A  
DETECTIVE YOU ARE!  
BUY A BET TO  
GUESS WHO  
YOU THINK THE  
MURDERER IS!!**

The Culbokie Players present a new 'Who Durnit?' mystery by local author Mike Walters. With not a candle stick in sight, but plenty of suspects, this play follows the interigations of the staff and guests at the local spa as they find themselves caught up in a murder investigation. Each of them appears to have a motive for murder!

## CHAIR REPORT MAY 2022

Hello everyone

We are now at another AGM and it seems to have passed even quicker this year. We have been fortunate this year to have 3 new co-opted members joining us, and thanks go to Emilia, Aileen and Jim for being willing to put themselves forward to ensure that FCC continues to represent residents with a full number of councillors.

We have had 2 face to face meetings this year. Our first was in March when we held our meeting at Ferintosh Hall and we were able to welcome Sally back. It was nice to see Sally looking so well and we held a small presentation to commemorate the 25 years of service which she has given to the Community council and residents.

We are continuing to have a mix of face to face and internet coverage for our meetings, or at least we try. We have some technology which will enable us to share these with you via zoom, but unfortunately out of the 2 meetings which we held we have only had 50% success with this. We shall continue however, and if you would like to join us via zoom please contact Bruce and he will share the link with you.

Work has continued with various projects -

Ferintosh Community Bus – or the “wee bus” as it has become known. We have passed the pilot stage of this now and we continue to see the familiar black and yellow bus travelling along the roads in the Black Isle. The official launch of the bus by Kate Forbes was well attended and there were many positive suggestions from this which has led to new trips for the bus, and residents continue to use the bus for many reasons. We welcome any new suggestions or routes as it becomes more established. We shall be seeing some publicity for this over the coming weeks, and we continue to encourage those of you who are not able to use regular bus services or require transport to give the booking team a call and they will be happy to help you out.

There has been progress with the installation of lights at the Munloch junction and work on this is still to be completed. Road safety continues to be a concern on the Black Isle roads and there have been suggestions put forward to look at various areas and adjust speed limits in general. These are ongoing suggestions, and we shall be able to report further on any progress with these in the coming months.

Black Isle Area Committee which represents the Black Isle is a newly formed Committee and we are now able to join with them in discussions and suggestions for projects within our area. These are new discussions and there are still lots to learn about how this will work but it is a positive step forward for all CCs in the area. Our thanks to Councillors Adam, Fraser and Barclay for

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their support before stepping down, and we look forward to working with our new Councillors following the elections on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

We have also been joining with the other Community Councils from the Black Isle area to discuss and share ideas to improve and expand services in the Black Isle.

Our volunteer group (Ferintosh Volunteers) continues to work within the community doing some fabulous work. Thanks to them for continuing to provide residents with help and support.

The Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan is nearing the end of the final consultation. We have been involved in this and had a very informative meeting to discuss any proposed changes within our area. Residents' comments were fed back to the team, and we look forward to seeing the final plan.

Please remember that if you would like to be included in our email list for updates and a copy of our monthly minutes Bruce will be happy to hear from you.

We have expanded the use of our website and our facebook page and thanks to Becky for helping with this. The Noticeboard continues to keep you up to date with everything in our area and thanks to Eilidh for producing this.

We will be continuing with our face to face meetings and look forward to seeing you at one of those. Our next meeting will be the AGM on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May in Findon Hall at 7.15pm. This will be followed by our usual monthly meeting.

Best wishes to you all and fingers crossed for a sun filled summer.

Karen Marcus

Chair  
Ferintosh Community Council.

**THE NOTICEBOARD NEXT DEADLINE FOR  
JULY EDITION**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2022**